

#ThinkABILITY

SETH BODE

This guy right here is, in our opinion, one of the greatest looking 22-year-old men we know. 😊

A Disney aficionado, he not only has a vast collection of their VHS and DVDs but can also tell you what year they came out in theaters and on VHS/DVD, who voiced the characters, wrote the songs, and can even write the film credits to many of them from memory.

An animal lover, he collects farm and wildlife figurines that are very detailed and lifelike. He can tell you the names of all the ones he has which are many and can identify where they live, e.g. African Elephant, Asian Elephant, American Bison, etc.

His memory stretches way beyond what I've shared above and most of the time simply amazes us. He also has an uncanny wit that makes you laugh along with him; one of the many that



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stand out in my memory was during middle school. We keep track of our weekly/monthly schedule on a calendar that is hung on our front door for easy access to our schedules. It was during March and he had just about enough of school; he decided he was going to make sure the monthly schedule went his way by writing "SICK" on every Monday- Friday and "NOT SICK" on all Saturdays and Sundays. We laughed so hard! I said, "Nice try but that isn't going to work!"

The guy we are referring to is Seth Bode. We wanted to start his introduction concentrating on some of his many abilities rather than with his disABILITY of autism.

What I want you to know about him is that he is a man filled with the love of Jesus, the love of others, tenderness, generosity, wit, and many capabilities and strengths that are far too great to list out.

He doesn't care what kind of clothes you're wearing, what you look like, if you're overweight or underweight, your religion, what the color of your skin is, if you're straight or gay, or if you have a disability or not. He is happy to treat you the same kind way he treats everyone. Whoever wants to call that a disability we would beg to differ with.

Currently, he is on the path to becoming employed and looks forward to working and growing in a career once given the opportunity to do so. Until then, he spends his time giving back by donating it to various non-profit organizations that help other people in need. We are proud indeed!

I'll leave you with a recent moment of wit from our guy. During a family Thanksgiving texting marathon of good wishes

and love, some funny banter was going back and forth about overeating; Seth was replying and making funny comments to every text to which my niece, Evelyn, responded, "Y'all have me LMBO (laughing my butt off)." Seth, not knowing text slang, responded, "No Evie, it's LIMBO. How low can you go?"

Since we don't use LMBO anymore! We use **LIMBO** - La, la, la la, la, la, la!



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